

FIELD AND INSTALLATION AND READINESS SUPPORT TEAM (FIRST)
QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR DRAFT SOLICITATIONS
W911SE-06-R-0012 AND W911SE-06-R-0013

1. Q. If a Small Business proposes in both suites, are two proposals needed?
A. Yes. Two solicitations will be issued W911SE-06-R-0012 will be set aside 100% for Small business and W911SE-06-R-0013 will be full and open competition. Interested offerors must respond to each individually.
2. Q. If a Small Business proposes on an unrestricted suite, do they have to provide a Sub-contracting plan?
A. No, Small Business are not required to provide a sub-contracting plan.
3. Q. What will happen to Contract Administration as the Base closes?
A. Contract administration will be reassigned to one of the Centers under the Army Contracting Agency.
4. Q. How long will we have for response after the RFP is published?
A. Sufficient time will be given; estimated time 30-45 days.
5. Q. What areas will the 3rd Task Order cover?
A. Three sample task order will be proposed under the restricted solicitation, and three under the unrestricted.
6. Q/Comment: In reference to the RFP time, we will have to prepare 4 Task Orders in one that is not sufficient time for the little guys.
A: Start now, use your time wisely, use the information that is available now to get a head start; the questionnaires will be available soon, use that time wisely.
7. Q There is no page budget information provided.
A. Page limitations will be provided in the Request for Proposals (vice draft information).
8. Q. I have some confusion in reference to past performance; it has listed several places, why is it not combined?
A. This is a factor of releasing work in progress – see draft RFP for additional information.
9. Q. Once a Contractor has been found to be “highly qualified”, what is the plan; we don’t want to go the CSBS path?
A. Please see the information in Section M.
10. Q. 2 of 4 proposals will be hot; in reference to workload what can we expect (forecast)?
A. Sample task orders will be published with sufficient information to permit the offeror to respond to the Sample Task Orders.
11. Q. In reference to quarterly reports, will reports allow large business input?
A. See Section H for Quarterly Report requirements.
12. Q. We may meet the Small Business goals per the SBA, but not for FIRST, will that be a problem?
A. See Section L and M for subcontract plan requirements.
13. Q. In reference to Small Businesses, at the first Industry day, you said there would be up to 10 set-asides and 5 full and open. The trend now seems to be towards Large Businesses, can you explain that?
A. The first industry day provided a guesstimate based upon information available at the time.
14. Q. AMC is not listed as a customer, what’s the relationship/agreements in reference to this contract?
A. The FLRCs will come under AMC purview. As such, AMC will be an authorized user for FIRST.
15. Q. In reference to price and cost, there is nothing in section M about floors and Caps fluctuation at each 5-year period; will there be a re-baseline, or is it set in stone?

A. Each solicitation will provide clear requirements for proposal submission requirements.

16. Q. You mentioned changes in “H” “L” and “M”; will a new draft be released before the RFP?

A. Yes.

17. Q. Will there be a Task Order to stand-up the PMO Office with FIRST?

A. No.

18. Q. If the sample Task Order is priced, will the Government re-compete those live Task Orders?

A. No. We anticipate utilizing the information provided in response to the IDIQ to evaluate and select the awardee(s) for each of the sample task orders.

19. Q. Explain the 2 option years; do we re-compete at the option years?

A. The purpose is to provide Task Order coverage for work already started, provide additional ceiling safety, and expand ceiling. The options have been included to provide continued support in the areas of a delay in the competition for the subsequent ordering period or as necessary to provide continued support for Task Orders awarded under this initial competition. Labor rates shall be per the Pricing Matrix incorporated into the basic contract.

20. In reference to slide 16, if we’re in a 2-year option what ceiling does that count against?

A. The ceiling of the subsequent ordering period.

21. Q. If you receive qualified offers from a small amount of offerors, will all qualified offerors receive an award?

A. That will depend on the ratings assessed for each offer.

22. Q. The Estimated Contract Ceiling has been identified as \$9 Billion for the first 5 years of this dollar figure. What will be the separate ceilings for the Restricted and the Unrestricted Suites of the contract?

A. The ceiling is at the Program level.

23. Q. If the government intends for the bidders in the Restricted and Unrestricted Suites to both respond the three Task Scenarios then why are the winners in the Restricted Suite prohibited from bidding future Tasks in the Unrestricted Suite?

A. Each RFP will have a separate PWS/Scope of Work.

24. Q. Will ACA allow bi-monthly or monthly payments to 8(a) companies during the negotiation process?

A. The structuring of payments should be addressed at the task order level.

25. Q. May offerors insert an overall contract management approach section at the beginning of Part II, Technical Proposal, prior to the sample task responses, so long as the stay within the 150 page limit?

A. Proposed preparation instructions are provided in Section L. Inclusion of information in addition to that stated in Section L is subject to page limitations.

26. Q. Can we add labor categories to our price list after award? Will there be a mechanism for this?

A. Yes, See Section H.

27. Q. Since there are multiple locations that people can be assigned to with varying levels of danger, will be there a plug number to account for this or how should it be handled?

A. See Section H.

28. Q. In the ISO 9001 certification process – What does being enrolled in the ISO process mean?

A. Contractor has started the process of becoming certified and registered.

29. Q. Does “Restricted” = Small Business Set-Aside?

A. Yes

30. Q. Does the 51% rule apply to the Prime performing 51% of the work or Small Business on our Team performing 51% of the total value of task order awards made to the Team under FIRST?

A. The 51% rule (now 50%) is referring to FAR 52.219-14 Limitations of Subcontracting. This clause is applicable only to the 100% set-aside RFP.

31. Q. Will WAWF apply to this work effort?

A. It could, but only at the task order level.

32. Q. Which DFAS will local Atlanta SB's work with?

A. The DFAS office depends on the agency funding the action. Normally, the task orders that are issued out of this office in support of FORSCOM G4 are serviced by DFAS Indianapolis.

33. Q. As awards under the FIRST Restricted suite will be made to small business primes, will the 51% rule apply for awards under the restricted suite? If so, does it apply to total value of awarded task orders or to total labor hours?

A. Please review FAR 52.219-14.

34. Q. Task Area 1, Logistics Program Management and Operations. There appears to be some overlap between Task Areas 1 and Task Area 11. While the titles are different, the verbiage used is very similar and it is difficult to determine exactly what the intent is. If Task Area 11 is intended solely to cover the FORSCOM COMET Program, the USARC SARSS Legacy STAMIS Program, and the FORSCOM Logistics Compliance, then it is unclear how the Program Management subtasks are significantly different from those listed in Task Area 1, and why they would be listed separately. Please clarify.

A. They are listed separately because Task Area 1 applies to all customers Logistics Program Management and Operations whereas Task Area 11 applies only to those specific centrally managed programs listed. See clarification in scope of work

35. Q. Task Area 2 addresses Quality Assurance Support and is in the Restricted Suite. Since Task Areas 9 and 10 do not list any Quality Assurance sub tasks, can it be assumed that all Quality Assurance requirements that support Task Areas 9 and 10 will be issued as separate Task Orders to small business, and therefore, in developing proposals for Task Areas 9 and 10, it is unnecessary for offerors to address Quality Assurance?

A. It is believed the question may be confusing Quality Assurance with Quality Control. Quality Assurance is conducted by the Government as part of its surveillance responsibility. Quality Control is conducted by the Government as part of its surveillance responsibility. Quality Control is conducted by contractors. Quality Assurance will not be ordered except as a task that can effectively be accomplished without creating a conflict of interest. The scope of work has been modified accordingly.

36. Q. Additionally, Task Area 11 contains a subtask for 'Logistics Verification and Validation/Quality Assurance/Compliance'. Is the government saying that any QA/V&V/Compliance requirement that is tied to the COMET, USARC SARSS Legacy STAMIS, and FORSCOM Logistics Compliance Programs will be included in Task Orders supporting those programs and not separately issued to small business in the Restricted Suite under Task Area 2?

A. See answer to question 35 above.

37. Q. Task Area 2 is titled Logistics Quality Assurance Support, yet includes a sub task titled Logistic Business Process Reengineering and Functional Process Improvement Support. How does the government rationalize that BPR and Process Improvement fall within the scope of Quality Assurance? Would not BPR and Functional Process Improvement be better aligned under Task Area 12, Command Wide Logistics Enterprise System Support, since the Business and Functional Processes that require reengineering/improvement should be integral to the customers' Logistics Enterprise Architecture?

A. See answer to question 35 above.

38. Q. Task Area 4, Logistics Training Support, is in the Restricted Suite, yet Task Area 11 also mentions 'training support', and Task Area 12 'systems training'. What is the distinction between the training envisioned in Task Area 4 vice Task Areas 11 and 12 and how will these apparently different training requirements be managed in terms of Task Orders being issued under Restricted vs. Unrestricted.

A. Task Areas 11 and 12 apply to specific programs all, which include variations of training. Logistics Training Support under task area 4 cover training for other agencies that do not apply to any of those areas mentioned in Task Area 11 and 12.

39. Q Task Area 5, Logistics Army Transformation Logistics Support, includes as the final sub task, “Transportation field services, maintenance, medical supply operations.” Since these areas are within the Transformation Task Area, it is inferred that the contractors in the Restricted Suite will provide Transformation related support in these four areas. However, since Task Area 7, Logistics Transportation/Supply Support, also includes subtasks for ‘Supply and operating Transformation’, and “Future transformational logistics, and Task Areas 9 and 10 include subtasks for ‘Development Logistics Support’ and ‘Development Asset Visibility’, it is unclear if all Transformation related support requirements will indeed be issued under Task Area 5. Please clarify.

A. Sub task titled Transportation field services, maintenance, and medical supply operations has been changed to read: Transportation, field services, maintenance, medical supply (all classes) and STAMIS operations in support of the Unit of Action (UA) and any unit in transformation. Transformation may be included as sub elements of task orders whose scope falls within Task Area 7, 9 and 10 but not as the primary work being performed under those task areas .

40. Q. Please clarify what levels of maintenance are to be provided under this Task Area, i.e., operator and unit level only. Please further define ‘Development Logistics Support’ and ‘Development Asset Visibility.’

A. In most cases, levels of maintenance will be performed to what may be thought of as “operator” or organizational level at 10-20 standards IAW the Army TM. The task order PWS will define the level of maintenance required . Development Logistics Support is changed to read Deployment Logistics Support and is defined as Contractor shall provide Logistics support required for military and civilian force deployments. Provide guidance or operational support to identify and utilize regional or global resources, and integrate public and private sector resources. Provide trained personnel for all administrative, communication and training functions associated with execution of Unit Movements, in support of Deployments, and Exercises. This includes but not limited to contingency planning, movements via, commercial line haul, military line haul, convoy, Inland Waterway (Barge), Rail, Military Air and Commercial Air. Provide support of unit personnel with training of unit personnel on current STAMIS and requirements IAW FORSCOM regulation 55-1 and DOD 4500.9-R Part III. Maintain and operate current Unit Movement STAMIS (TCACCIS/TCAIMS II. Review Unit Movement Plans (UMP). Conduct and assist units with Automated Unit Equipment List (AUEL) updating. Verify Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) documentation to affect unit moves in accordance with applicable regulations, directives, and guidance. Operate and maintain Locomotives and associated rail equipment for the purpose of providing rail service to the installation in support of unit movements during training exercises and deployments. Operate the D/AACG and/or Port Support Activity (PSA) in accordance with governing FORSCOM Regulation 55-1 and other applicable regulations, publications and stranding operating procedures. Unit Move services shall be available/on-call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. All positions may require clearances and shall be specified in individual TOs. Development Asset Visibility is changed to read Deployment Asset Visibility and is defined as: The management of critical logistics operations. Deployment Asset Visibility System (DAVS), which queries vehicles, indicates what they carry, and even identifies the drivers and passengers of the vehicles, vessels and tactical systems as they move.

41. Q. Please clarify the subtasks ‘DOL Logistics Management Support not linked to FCMFs, CONUS, and other designated sites,’ and ‘Maintenance and storage mission for FCMF, CMF, AMA, ETF, DOL, and DOD agencies.’

A. Specific descriptions of DOL Maintenance Support and Maintenance and Storage Missions for FORSCOM and other DOD agencies are spelled out at task order level.

42. Q. Please provide types of equipment to be maintained and representative densities for the installations to be supported. Please clarify whether operation of Ammunition Supply Points and Central Issue Facilities is included in Task Area 9.

A. Types and equipment densities are spelled out at task order level. Ammunition Supply Points and Central Issue facilities are included in Task Area 9.

43. Q. Please define Development Logistics Support and Development Asset Visibility.

A. See question 40 above.

44. Q. Please provide types of equipment and representative densities for FCMF, CMF, AMA, ETF, and DOLs to be supported.

A. See question 41 above.

45. Q. This is the only Task Area that specifically mentions an OCONUS requirement, although paragraphs 3.0 and 4.4 seem to imply that there OCONUS requirements across the entire scope of work. Please clarify if Task Area 10 is the only Task Area in which deployment of contractor personnel to OCONUS locations is anticipated.

A: OCONUS requirements span the entire scope for both suites.

46. Q. Task Area 11, Comprehensive Support for Centrally Managed Programs, includes FORSCOM Logistics Compliance Program, yet Task Area 4, Logistics Quality Assurance Support, also includes a Compliance component. Please clarify what types Compliance work will be in the Restricted vice Unrestricted suites.

A. Task Area 11 is for the centrally managed FORSCOM Logistics Compliance Program. Task Area 4 includes QA/Compliance for all other FIRST users .

47. Q. Task Area 12, Command Wide Logistics Enterprise System Support, would appear to have a great deal of overlap with, and perhaps even be a subset of, Task Area 3, Logistics Information/Technology Support. Please explain/clarify why this 'slice' of IT support covered by Task Area 3 has been separated into a separate Task Area, and why there is an ISO 9001: 2000 certification requirement for this portion of IT support only, and not the support listed in Task Area 3.

A. Task Area 12 covers the FORSCOM Command Wide Logistics Enterprise System Support. All other Logistics Information/Technology Support under \$5 million annually fall under Task Area 3 for the restricted suite and over \$5 million annually into the unrestricted suite. The ISO 9001:2000 or SEI CMM requirement for Task Area 3 and 12 for the unrestricted suite is required due to the level of expected support and quality necessary to maintain any Command Wide Enterprise System or any system that has annual values of over \$5 million a year. The Government is willing to provide the quality assurance support for those orders under \$5 million annually if the small business contractor is not certified.

48. Q. We are aware that FORSCOM created the AVJAMSS contract vehicle to provide for aviation maintenance services. However, the current Draft SOW for FIRST states, in both Task Areas 9 and 10, the requirement to perform the "DOL maintenance mission." The DOL maintenance mission can traditionally include an aviation maintenance component, therefore, it is unclear whether all DOL aviation support tasks will be solicited separately from FIRST under the AVJAMSS contract. Please clarify.

A. Aviation has never been a consideration in the evolution of FIRST owing to the additional requirements of contractor aviation flight and ground operations as governed by DCMA INST 8210.1, AFJI 10-220, NAVAIRINST 3710.1E and in the case of the Army, AR 95-20. Compliance with specifics of these regulations requires a great amount of additional staffing, time and resource from the Administrative and procuring contracting officers/offices. It was determined that with AVJAMSS and CFT available and both vehicles having past performance histories, there was little value to be added by including contractor aviation flight and ground operations within the scope of FIRST."

49. Q. For those companies bidding as a prime and also as a sub on several other teams, we presume that only one set of five past performance questionnaires need be submitted to the Government, which cover all their bidding scenarios. (Presuming the same set of 5 references for all bidding scenarios.) In other words, one set of five questionnaires per company regardless of how many ways they are bidding. Is this presumption correct?

A. If it is the same experience for both Restricted and Unrestricted suites, you will have to submit two sets; one for each suite.

50. Q. Please clarify the résumé submission requirement.

A. Resumes are not mandatory, but may submitted at the offeror's discretion.

51. Q. In the draft Section L, the Government states that "Representations, Certifications, and other statements of offerors" are to be provided in 2 different proposal volumes: Part I (L.7.a.3) and also Part IV (L.7.d.c.) Please clarify exactly where the "reps and certs" are to be placed.

A. It should be submitted in Part 2.

52. Q. Draft RFP Section L.7.b (3rd paragraph, 4th sentence) states: “It is important to depict how your approach to the Sample Task Orders fits within your overall approach to managing the proposed contract – from competition, to task order start-up, to administration of the task order, to close-out of the task order. Please clarify exactly where within the proposal this “overall approach” is supposed to go since it is not specifically called out in Section L.

A. The overall approach is part of the Technical proposal. Clarification will be made to Section L.

53. Q. The Government issued FIRST Scopes of work in January and February, both of which indicated that AMC would be a FIRST customer. However, the slides presented at the March 15 Industry Day did not call out AMC as a FIRST customer, however, we understand that the Logistics Equipment Readiness Division moved under AMC, effective April 1. Will AMC be a FIRST customer, and what role will AMC plan in the FIRST procurement.

A. See question 14 above.

54. Q. In L.6.a.5, the requirement for PART V – Small and Small Disadvantaged Business Subcontracting Plan is stated. Although in the Part V, detail section it states that the requirement is applicable to the unrestricted suite only, would you please clarify that offerors in the restricted suite do not have to submit the small business plan as a part of their approval.

A. There will be two separate solicitations or Request for Proposal (RFP). Solicitations W911SE-06-R-0012 will be solicited as 100% set-aside 100% for Small Business and W911SE-06-R-0013 will be solicited as full and open competition. Small business is not required to submit a Subcontracting plan under restricted suite.

55. Q. In L.7.b (Part II – Technical Proposal), Quality Control, the requirement is to submit your draft Quality Control Plan, or a plan used in the past for similar efforts. Is this to be included either within, or as an attachment to, the technical proposal and count against the page count? Would you consider having it as an attachment without counting against the page count?

A. Quality Control Plan will not be counted as part of 150 pages.

56. Q. In the Past Performance questionnaire introductory letter it states that “it is crucial that you complete the 3 attached survey and return it to the applicable Prime Contractor in sufficient time to allow them to include the questionnaire with their past performance proposal”. This leads to two (2) questions: (1) do you really want the questionnaires returned to the prime contractor rather than directly to the Government? (2) If the questionnaires are returned to the prime contractor, and included in the past performance proposal, will they count against the volume page count.

A. (1) Yes, Government is allowing the Contractor to have control in providing the documents. (2) Yes.

57. Q. In L.7.a (Part I – RFP) requires the submission of Section H, Uncompensated Overtime Information. It appears that the same data is required as a submission in Section L, paragraph L.7.d (Part IV – Price proposal). c as tab 1.

A. Information requested in Part IV – Price proposal pertains to representations/certifications for the price proposal, i.e. approved accounting systems. Section L provides the guidance/requirement for “explaining” the Uncomp OT proposal. Section H prices the mechanism to “enforce” delivery of the accepted approval.

58. Q. Are you going to issue a new signed version of his 28 March 2006 letter Subject Past Performance Survey for the Field and Installation Readiness Support Team (FIRST) Solicitation W911SE-06-R-0012?

A. A revised letter with new dates will be released.

59. Q. Is the due date for submission of the Past Performance Surveys still 25 May 2006 or what is the new date?

A. The dates of submission of the Past performance surveys will be revised and will coincide with the RFP’s due date.

60. Q. With the number of Task area in the restricted suite of FIRST as compared to the Unrestricted Suite the number or awards for each suite seems to be out of balance more Unrestricted awards than restricted awards. Will the Government reconsider and change the number of awards for the restricted suite to double the number of unrestricted awards

A. The number of awards represents the anticipated maximum number of awards that are deemed necessary to promote competition throughout the life of the resultant contracts, while being administratively practicable.

61. Draft Section E Inspection and Acceptance, Clauses Incorporated by Reference, Page 5. In accordance with FAR 46.304, please add FAR 52.246-4 Inspection of Services – Fixed Price.

A. Omitted in error - will be added

62. Draft Section H-1 Special Contracts Requirements, General, Page 9. Because option periods may be exercised at the end of any competition period, should this section state "...the ceiling for the option period will be within the ceiling for the following competition period," rather than "...the ceiling for the option period will be within the ceiling for the 2nd competition period?"

A. The provision is correct as stated - this solicitation is provided solely for the initial competition. New solicitations for subsequent competitions will be published and will reflect the acquisition strategy for each competition.

63. Draft Section I Contract Clauses, Page 26. Contrary to Section H-10 Insurance Schedule, Defense Base Act insurance is required anytime a contractor performs work at an overseas location in support of the Department of Defense, and not only when maritime employment is involved. Please add FAR 52.228-3 Worker's Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) to the RFP.

A. FAR 52.228-3 Will be added to Section I. No other information will be required in Section H (H-10 for Draft solicitation W911SE-06 R-0013 and H-11 for Draft solicitation W911SE-06-R- 0012)

64. Draft Section L-6 Proposal/Submission Format, Page 47. Are we correct in assuming that the tabs required to separate sections of a binder will not be applied to the page count?

A. You are correct

65. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph a3, Page 48. This paragraph outlines the requirement to include Section K, Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors in Volume I RFP Documents. This requirement appears to be duplicated for Volume IV Price Proposal, Tab 1b, Page 54. Is this the Government's intent?

A. Section L7(d) will be modified to provide clarity.

66. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph b1, Page 49. The instructions for the sample task responses seem to indicate that we should provide 2 complete "mini proposals" for the sample tasks. However, there are many common elements of an overall approach that would be duplicated in each sample task response. Does the Government wish to have those common elements addressed only once in an overall approach section preceding the specific sample responses?

A. It is understood that the offeror may desire to present processes, procedures and other information that may serve as a foundation for the offeror's response to each of the sample task orders. With that, the offerors are at liberty to structure their response to provide the most effective and efficient response possible.

67. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph b1 ii - Experience, Page 51. The DRFP asks for contract PCO information in the Experience area of the Sample Tasks. Does the Government intend to contact these PCOs for contract validation? Will the Government also be asking for performance and quality information from these PCOs?

A. It is not the Government's intent to survey the quality of the experience, but rather to have a point of contact available should there a question regarding the nature of the experience identified.

68. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph b1 iii - Staffing Approach, Subparagraph (2), Page 51. Information submitted in accordance with the staffing plan's "compensation policies" requirement will duplicate the information submitted in Volume IV Price Proposal, Total Professional Employee Compensation Plan, Tab 3. Is this the Government's intent?

A. While the information may appear to be duplicate, it actually serves two purposes. The information in the technical proposal will support evaluation of the offeror's approach to acquire and retain personnel. The information will also be used to evaluate the pricing proposed.

69. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph b1 iv – Quality Control, Page 52. The DRFP asks for a draft Quality Control Plan for each Sample Task. These are often anywhere from 15 to 50 pages in length depending on the complexity of the Task Order. Would the Government consider allowing the contractor to address the most pertinent aspect of the plans within the Sample Task and provide the full QC Plans as attachments outside of page count?

A. This provision will be modified to request a QC Plan that will be applicable to the basic contract level and request the offeror provide information that demonstrates how the QC plan will be tailored and employed for each sample task order.

70. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d i (2), d ii, Page 54 and Paragraph d ii (1), Page 55. Page 54 states that offerors are to provide a rate buildup from floor rate to cap rate. Page 55 states that the Government is expecting offerors to discount from cap rates. The first statement implies that floor rates are basis for awarded rates, while the second statement implies that cap rates are the basis for awarded rates. Please clarify.

A. Section L provides proposal submission instructions. Section M provides the evaluation criteria and basis for award. Please review Section M to ensure you understand the basis for award.

71. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (2), Page 55. This paragraph indicates that offerors' floor rates are to be based on work in the location "determined by the offeror to represent the lowest wages;" however, Section J Attachment 2, Tabs B and C indicate that offerors are to use Fort Polk Wage Determinations as the basis for their floor rates for non-exempt categories. We assume that the Government's intent is to allow offerors to determine which Wage Determination to use and have yet to update the pricing matrices. Please confirm our assumption.

A. It is the Government's intent to allow the offeror the latitude to determine the place(s) of performance from which to base the floor and CAP rates. The attachment will be revised to delete specific locations of work.

72. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (2), Page 55. This paragraph indicates that offerors' "...floor rates are to include on-site, off-site rates presented in straight time and overtime format." Are we correct in assuming that the Government's intent is for offerors to include the on-site, off-site, straight time, and overtime factors in a single floor rate for each labor category?

A. The Government will revise the information in the solicitation to reflect the requirement to submit solely the floor and CAP rates. Information regarding off-site, on-site, and overtime rates will be deleted.

73. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (3), Page 55. This paragraph indicates that offerors' cap rates are to be "...based on performance at the contemplated place of performance with the highest wage rates." We assume that the Government's intent is to allow offerors to determine which Wage Determination to use, rather than to use the location previously indicated. Please confirm our assumption.

A. Correct – as stated above, the attachment will be corrected accordingly.

74. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (5), Page 55. Section J Attachment 2 consists of 3 tabs. Our understanding is that tabs are included for "Time and Materials" rates, "Firm Fixed Price" rates and "Cost Plus Fixed Fee" task order rates. The tabs "Time and Materials" and "Cost Plus Fixed Fee" (tabs A and C) appear to be identical, i.e. both for FFP, LH, T&M, and Cost Type contracts, "From date of award for a period of five years." Tab B appears to apply only to FFP contracts, also "From date of award for a period of five years." Please clarify the purpose of each of the three tabs is to provide priced rates for each contract type and that the final version of the tabs will be edited to reflect this purpose.

A. The attachment will be corrected to reflect a single submission to include a floor rate and a cap rate regardless of contract type.

75. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (5), Page 55. This paragraph indicates that Column 1 is to contain either the DOL occupation code for each labor category, or the work “exempt,” as applicable. However, Section J Attachment 2 indicates that Column 1 is to contain “Note A,” defined as an identifier for any labor category that is routinely included in an overhead or G&A pool. Please clarify.

A. This portion of Section L, as well as Section J -Attachment 2 will be revised.

76. Draft Sections L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (4), Page 55 and L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii (5), Page 56. Subparagraph (4) indicates that offerors are to propose an OCONUS factor; however, subparagraph (5) indicates that Column 6 is to contain the “...loaded hourly CAP labor rate...with OCONUS factor.” Are we correct in assuming that the Government intends offerors to propose an OCONUS factor, which may be applied to a rate as appropriate, rather than a fully loaded OCONUS rate, and has yet to update subparagraph (5)?

A. This portion of Section L is being revised.

77. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph d ii, Pages 55 and 56. The Government has included a single column for floor rates but has broken out the cap rates into on-site and off-site. In order to simplify FIRST vehicle pricing and to promote consistency, we respectfully suggest the following: 1) a single floor rate, 2) a single cap rate, 3) a fully loaded overtime cap rate, and 4) an OCONUS factor.

A. See answer 74 above. The OCONUS factor was deleted in Section H, but erroneously included in Section L and Attachment 2 – both will be corrected.

78. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph e, Page 56. Are the goals in our Small Business Subcontracting Plan to be expressed as 1) percentages of our estimated total contract value, or 2) percentages of the dollar amount we have set-aside for subcontracting, or 3) both?

A. Both

79. Draft Section L-7 Proposal Content, Paragraph e, Page 56. This paragraph specifically calls out Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions for inclusion in the Small Business Subcontracting Plan; however, the Government’s goals do not specifically call out this category. May offerors include Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions within their Small Business Subcontracting Plan goals for Small Disadvantaged Businesses?

A. HBCU/MI should be included in the firm’s subcontracting goal for Small Disadvantaged Businesses.

80. Draft RFP General Question. Does the revised Draft RFP supersede the released Q&A in areas where they are contradictory?

A We will be revising the DRAFT RFP to reflect the current information. As such, there should not be a difference between the Q&A and the RFP

81. Draft RFP General Question. Will the two Sample Tasks released with the most recent draft be the only sample tasks, and will these two sample tasks be included with the final RFP? If there are additional sample tasks, how many will there be?

A. There will be three sample task orders for Solicitation W911SE-06-R-0013 and three sample task orders for W911SE-06-R-0012.

Sample Task Questions:

No answers will be provided to the following questions at this time. The information provided with the release of the draft Sample Task Orders was preliminary information consisting of only the draft PWS. Additional information, to include Request for Task Order Responses (TOR), workload data, attachments, etc will be forthcoming.

Bluegrass Station Army Maintenance Activity / Campbell Sample Task – This information will be provided with the Task Order request for response

1. Can the Government define the labor split between BGSAMA, Ft. Campbell and other supported sites? Is the operation of the Ft. Campbell FLRC in addition to BGSAMA?
2. Can the Government provide current manpower estimates and workload statistics for the subtasks?
3. Can the Government provide historical data on OCAT deployments; frequency of trips, which locations etc.?
4. Wildcat Maintenance Mgmt Software –can the Government grant access for contractors to familiarize themselves, or provide systems information?
5. In addition to WMMS, what other Army systems will require support and/or use?
6. How many vehicles are typically supported and what is the breakdown of supported vehicles, wheeled vs. tracked?

Fort Bragg DOL - This information will be provided with the Task Order request for response

1. Can the Government provide current manpower estimates and workload statistics for the subtasks?
2. What type of task order is the Fort Bragg sample task? T&M, LH, FFP, or Cost-Type?
3. How many vehicles are typically supported and what is the breakdown of supported vehicles, wheeled vs. tracked
4. What is period of performance for this sample task?
5. We understand that clearances will be required for some of this work; can the Government provide information on the subtask areas, numbers and levels of clearances that will be required?
6. C.5.3.2 Support Force Deployment – Under the planning and coordination of personnel and equipment movement, what percentage of the movement is by air, highway, and rails, respectively?
7. C.5.4.2 – Information Technology Center – How does this IT Center interface/coordinate with the DOIM?

82. REFERENCE: Section L paragraph d) PART IV c 2 (c) states “The price matrix shall include a fully loaded CAP rate (maximum rate that will be charged per labor category for the life of the IDIQ) which shall consider performance through 2011. The CAP rates shall include on-site, off-site rates presented in straight time and overtime. CAP rates should include proposed escalation and should be based upon performance in Ft. Lewis, Washington (the contemplated place of performance with the highest wage rates). (Wage determination 1994-2567, Revision 29, dated 05/23/2005)”

QUESTION: While Ft. Lewis does have some of the highest wage rates, Ft. Dix in certain areas such as Automatic Data Processing Occupations, Administrative Support and Clerical Occupations, and Transportation/ Mobile Equipment Operation Occupations have higher wage rates. a) Will there be any allowances for adjustments when an area does have much lower wage rates than the CAP used at Ft. Dix? b) If there will be allowances for the above, which AWD will FAR 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act –Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) be applicable to? c) The above referenced (RFP) paragraph also states escalation is to be included. We have assumed this to mean only the exempt and non-exempt personnel that are not in the AWD. Is this correct? d) If this is not correct, are you stating escalation should be applied to the AWD personnel as well as the other exempt and non-exempt personnel (not on the AWD)?

A. Proposed escalation for non-exempt personnel is at the sole discretion of the offeror. Adjustments for non-exempt personnel are covered by FAR Clause 52.223-43.

83. REFERENCE: Section H.3 PRICING OF LABOR (1)(b)(e.) States “ Additions/Changes to Pricing

Matrix: The prices included in the pricing matrix should be the prices that represent the cap rates for the entire ordering period (and the option period, if the option is exercised).” Additionally in Section L, the Pricing Matrices CAP should be priced based on year 2011.

QUESTION: Adding the two options years to the CAP makes the last year for pricing 2013 (5 base years + 2 option years). Is year 2011 pricing to be used for the option years as well?

A. Yes. Services under the option years, if exercised, shall be at 2011 rates unless stated otherwise when the options are exercised.

84. REFERENCE: Section L 7 d. PART IV Price Proposal (c) States “The format for the cost/price proposal shall be as follows:

General Information and Executive Summary – Tab 1
Uncompensated Overtime Information – Tab 1a
Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors – Tab 1b
Exceptions to Terms and Conditions – Tab 2
Total Professional Employee Compensation Plan – Tab 3
Sample Task Order Cost/Price Proposals – Tab 4
Subcontract Sample Task Order Cost/Price Proposals – Tab 5
Price Matrix (Floor and CAP rates) – Tab 6”

QUESTION: In this section descriptions of what goes in Tabs 4, 5, and 6 are provided. a) Will there be descriptions of what is to be provided in Tabs 1 through 3? b) Also Tabs 1, 1a, 1b, 2 and 3 are similar to or the same as what is requested in Part 1 RFP volume. Do we place the same data in both places? c) Or is the Part 1 RFP the Prime’s information and the Tabs 1 through 3 are related to the subcontractor’s format to submitting their proposal?

A. Yes

85. REFERENCE: Section L 7 d. PART IV Price Proposal (c) 2 Tab 6 PRICING MATRIX (b) and (c) States “ The floor rates shall include on-site, off-site rates presented in straight time and overtime format. Escalation should not be applied to the floor rates” and “The CAP rates shall include on-site, off-site rates presented in straight time and overtime”, respectively. Additionally, Section L 7 d. PART IV Price Proposal (c) 2 Tab 6 PRICING MATRIX (e) provides a breakout by excel column for the Pricing matrix.

QUESTION: The column layout for the Pricing Matrix in (e) does not provide all of the requested floor rates as requested. a) Will this be updated/ changed? b) If so, what will be the new format?

A. Attachment 2 is being revised

86. REFERENCE: Section L 7 d. PART IV Price Proposal (c) 2 Tab 6 PRICING MATRIX (d) States “Offerors shall propose OCONUS pay differential factors for OCONUS work. The objective is to establish three differential factors that will be applied to the (applicable) labor rates proposed at the task order level; OCONUS support, Post Hardship Differential and Danger Pay Allowance (see the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) www.state.gov/m/a/als/c1843.htm.) The fixed differential factors accepted and incorporated in the IDIQ contract will represent the maximum amount, or highest valued factor, that would be realized by the Government. The differential factors should include any premium pay, taxes, insurance impacts, e.g., Defense Base Act Insurance/Sponsorship, etc. It is noted that OCONUS, Post Hardship Differential and Danger Pay Allowance may occur individually or collectively, dependent on the task order requirements. However, whether they are proposed singularly (meaning only one of the factors apply) or collectively, the factor applied at the task order level shall not exceed 25%.”

QUESTION: a) What is meant by the 25% limit? In some countries, based on the latest effective date of 4/02/2006, exceed the 25% for danger allowance and 25% for hardship differentials. b) What is meant by the word collectively? c) Both the danger allowance and hardship differential based on the DSSR are independent of each other and may be added together to get the total applicable differential for a country, right? d) Where does the COLA factor get applied in the objective to establish three differential factors, as stated above?

A. The requirement for the OCONUS factor has been deleted. See Section H, provision H-5.

87. REFERENCE: Section L 7 PART IV Price Proposal d. (c) 1. Tab 4 & 5 - Sample Task Order Price/Cost Proposals (b), States "Pricing for firm fixed price, labor and time and material Sample Task Orders shall include loaded labor rates for each labor category proposed under each of the sample task orders. For cost-type Sample Task Orders, a complete breakdown of all cost elements shall be provided."

QUESTION: a) Will the Pricing matrix require pricing by the various contract types? b) If so will the pricing Matrix provide columns for the various pricing?

A. Attachment 2 will be revised to reflect a single set of rates that will be applicable regardless of the contract type stated at the task order level.

88. REFERENCE: Section L 7 PART IV Price Proposal d. (c) 2. Tab 6 – Pricing Matrices States "The matrix shall be set up as follows: Column 7 is for the Danger Pay and/or War Hazard escalation factor."

QUESTION: a) What is to be in column 7 and in what row? Percentage factor? Wage Rate? b) What is meant by the words "escalation factor"? c) Does War Hazard mean "Hazard differential"? If not, what does it mean?

A. Attachment 2 is being revised

89. REFERENCE: Section H.3 PRICING OF LABOR (b) States "The matrix should also include a fully loaded overtime cap rate for 2011 for each applicable labor category. For those labor categories that are not eligible for overtime (exempt categories) the offeror shall list the extended hour rate."

QUESTION: a) What is meant by "extended hour rate"? b) Is it just extending the exempt labor categories labor rate over to the overtime column as an hourly rate or daily rate?

A. Attachment 2 is being revised.

90. REFERENCE: Section L 7 PART IV Price Proposal d. (c) 2. Tab 6 – Pricing Matrices States "The matrix shall be set up as follows: (6) Column 6 is for the loaded hourly CAP labor rate (based on 2011) with OCONUS Factor."

QUESTION: Does this column include loaded labor rates and the Danger pay/War Hazard factors applied? Or are those pays only factors in column 7?

A. Attachment 2 is being revised.

91. REFERENCE: The Past Performance Questionnaire, dated 28 March 2006- the government instructs the offeror's customer to "complete the attached survey and return it to the applicable Prime Contractor in sufficient time to allow them to include the questionnaire with their past performance proposal."

Question: Is it truly the government's intention to allow the offeror to see completed questionnaires, from our customers, before they go to the government for evaluation? If so, how does this process encourage the customer to respond objectively if their survey does not remain anonymous? Also, how can the government ensure the integrity of the completed questionnaire, if it is not submitted directly from the evaluating agency? Recommend the questionnaires be submitted directly from the government POC to the FIRST Contracting Officer

A. The RFP will be revised to require submission of a single questionnaire per reference, regardless of the competitive position of the contractor (e.g. prime, subcontractor, multiple teams, etc).

92. REFERENCE: Past Performance Questionnaire

Question: Some companies will be bidding this effort as a Prime contractor, and then also as a subcontractor. Is it possible to request the questionnaire be completed by our customers just ONCE, instead of for each time the contract is used as a reference in multiple proposals?

See Q&A 91 above.

93. REFERENCE: Draft Section L.7 Part b, Quality Control

Question: Is the Quality Control Plan part of the 150-page limit? A complete Quality Control Plan may contain a significant number of pages possibly in excess of 100 pages. This will significantly restrict the pages available for response to the 3 sample tasks. Please consider removing the Quality Control Plan from the 150-page limit requirement.

A. The QC plan will not part of the page count.

94. REFERENCE: Draft Section L.6 “Proposal volumes are to be sized to stand on edge in a standard security safe drawer (maximum 10.25” high and 16” wide)” . and “ Print both sides of paper (head to head)

Question: This size requirement will restrict our binder size to approximately a 1.5-inch binder, which may require the submission of the multiple books for each volume (specifically the Price volume to meet this size restrictions. Please consider removing the size restriction on the price volume at a minimum. Question: Does the requirement to print on both sides of the paper apply to the Price volume? This is difficult to do considering the use of excel spreadsheets and 11&17 pages. Please consider removing this requirement from the price volume.

A. Changes to the RFP is being made to this regard.

95. Reference Para H-6. Changes in Team membership/Subcontractors. Para stipulates the contractor may not add or delete any team member from the contractor’s team without prior authorization to do so. Requiring Government approval for adding a subcontractor presents no problem. However, as to deleting one, the realities are that there are circumstances that are beyond the control of the prime. Subcontractor/team members can leave the Team either due to business decision, financial reasons, or other commercial purpose.

QUESTION: Will the Government recognize that a prime has no control over team members leaving the Team unilaterally?

1A. H-6 will be revised to reflect approvals for additions only. Notifications is required for deletions so the Government may keep an accurate listing of prime and subs.

96. Paragraph number duplication requires correction:

Para H-20 on Page 21

Para H-20 also on Page 22

Para H-21 on Page 22 twice (Contingency and then Sample Provisions)

A. Draft Solicitation W911SE-06-R-0012 will be corrected

97. Reference L6 Proposal Submission/Format. Clarification please.

QUESTION: Two CDs — One for Vol I, II, and III and one for Vol IV. Correct?

A. Correct

98. Reference Attachment 4. Sample Task Orders.

QUESTION: Will the Government consider numbering the Sample Task Orders in the text as it did on the web site?

A. The information provided is preliminary. The final task order will reflect proper number and content.

99. Reference Para L-6b. Proposal Format. Para says “Any charts or graphs must be clearly legible, regardless of font size.”

QUESTION: Do we correctly infer that chart font can be less than 12 point as long as it is legible?

A. Correct

100. Reference Para L-6b. Proposal Format. Para stipulates to print both sides of paper (head to head). This makes final preparation of the proposal much more difficult. It works a real hardship in final preparation and makes last minute changes and corrections a problem to insert without rippling throughout the document. This is important because of the short time frame we expect to have to prepare the document.

QUESTION: Will the Government please reconsider and allow single sided submission?

A. The requirement was stated pursuant FAR 52.204-4.

101. Reference Para L-7b. Volume II Technical Proposal. This paragraph state that the proposal will include written narrative relating to the task orders. It does not say anything about writing to the Scope of Work (SOW).

QUESTION: Does the Government want us to address the SOW or just the Task Orders?

A. Just the Sample task orders

102. L-7b1i(1). Technical/Management Approach. The second bullet in this Para requires the offeror to “Express your best understanding of the ramifications inherent in the Sample Task Order” What does this mean? What is the Government looking for or expecting here? Contingencies? Dangers? Effects of failure? The desire of the Government is not clear.

QUESTION: Will the Government consider rewording this to be more explicit in what it desires from the offeror?

A. Ramification may include such events as upward and downward surges, organization realignments like AMC taking over, replacement of equipment, etc.

103. L-7b1i(2). Technical/Management Approach – Management Approach. The penultimate bullet in this paragraph deals with OCI. The last sentence in the bullet requires offeror to explain “The reporting and review relationship with corporate management and commitment for maintaining core resources . . .”. We do not understand this sentence in the OCI context, especially as to “maintaining core resources”.

QUESTION: Will the Government please elaborate and clarify its meaning?

A. If there is an OCI issue, the Government is expecting the corporate element originally proposed to satisfy the requirement (core resource) to be available and not replace by another element of the corporation as a mean of mitigating the OCI.

104. Reference L-7b1ii Experience. This paragraph requests experience in support of the execution of the Sample Task Orders. This requirement is separate from Past Performance. It seems redundant to cite “experience” and to also provide Past Performance, when they turn out to be the same.

QUESTION: Will task orders issued downstream after award require “experience” even though awardees have qualified under FIRST by competing and winning by citing Past Performance?

A. Proposal submission requirement for task orders that are issued subsequent of the contract can not be predicted at this time.

105. Reference L-7b1ii Experience. This Para requests experience in support of the execution of the SAMPLE TO. This requirement is separate from the experience cited in Past Performance. It seems redundant to cite “experience” and to also require Past Performance, when they are going to be essentially the same. We

understand the need for a citation specific in this instance to the LIVE Task Order, but recommend a reduction in redundancy elsewhere.

Perhaps an explanation is in order. In terms of scale, what is being asked for in this DRAFT RFP is essentially four complete proposals — The primary FIRST proposal and the proposals for each of the three Task Orders. And we are being asked to do it (we expect) in very short period of time. While this is understandable from the Government standpoint, and perhaps tolerable for a large business with an established proposal writing office, the small business does not always have the luxury of a dedicated proposal writing staff, and those that do are only slightly or part-time staffed. To accomplish four simultaneous proposals while continuing other business is a daunting task. We fully understand the need for a full-up proposal for the Live Task Order, but perhaps the Government could lighten the load a bit by requiring less redundancy in the SAMPLE task orders. Elimination of redundant information in any area would be helpful. A single Quality Control plan, the one for the LIVE TO, could be considered representative of what could be expected for the other two TOs, for example. We ask the Government to consider requiring only one set of experience, discussions for cross-training and cross-utilization, quality control plan, and risk/risk mitigation plan, and that it be for the LIVE task order.

QUESTION: Would the Government consider reducing the amount of redundant material/information required?

A. See Q&A – 66 above

106. Reference Para L-7cii(1j). Document Format (of Vol III). This paragraph asks for “Name/organization/position and phone number of knowledgeable individual who can be queried by Government evaluators.”

QUESTION: Is the knowledgeable individual requested here a Government or a contractor person?

A. Government’s Point of contact

107. Reference M-4.1. Technical Factors. The discussion of factors in this paragraph is exclusively related to Sample Task Orders.

QUESTION: Are offerors to write to SOW and if so, how will it be evaluated since it is not mentioned in Section M?

A. Responses to the technical factor will be limited to the sample task order

108. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 3.0 List of Task Areas. Not all names of Task areas are consistent with the subparagraphs that discuss them. For instance, Task 9. is listed as Logistics/Maintenance, but is discussed in Para 3.9 as Support to Directorates of Logistics.

RECOMMEND: That the Task Area Names be made consistent.

A. SOW will be revised.

109. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 3.8, Sets, Kits Outfits. 1st Sentence, which states: “This task area provides other than those materials directly tied to one of the other task area. For example, material and parts associated with the Maintenance or DOL support shall be provided under those task areas.”

QUESTION: Task area provides what other than those materials?

A. Materials/supplies

110. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 3.8, Sets, Kits Outfits. Para title does not agree with the task list in Para 3.0.

RECOMMEND: That the Task Area Names be made consistent.

A. SOW will be revised

111. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 3.9, Support to Directorates of Logistics. Para title does not agree with the task list in Para 3.0.

RECOMMEND: That the Task Area Names be made consistent.

A. SOW will be revised.

112. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 3.2 Logistics Quality Assurance Support.

QUESTION: Will the Government please confirm this task is the performance of the Government QA Function tasked to a contractor? Further confirm that it is NOT quality control?

A. Correct

113. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 4.2 Certification. Paragraph says All firms supporting Task Areas 9 and 10 shall be ISO 9001:2000, or higher, certified. Then goes on to say "Small business prime contractors shall be certified within 24 months of contract award."

QUESTION: Does this mean that small business primes cannot work Task Areas 9 and 10 until certified, or does it mean that they can work them as long as they are on the road to certification?

A. Small business primes are eligible to participate in task areas 9 and 10 and must be registered within 24 months of award of the basic contract award.

114. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), Para 5.5 Property Control Plan. Paragraph says "The contractor shall prepare and submit a Property Control Plan within 10 days after Task Order award"

QUESTION: Can the Activity issuing the Task Order specify a different time schedule for submission of plans and reports?

A. Yes

115. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW):

QUESTION: A number of installations have a fixed/rotary-wing support mission. Should we assume that the log support/operations reflected in the TOs apply only to ground (wheel / track) vehicles?

A. FIRST does not cover aviation assets

116. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW): PARA 3.0 – TASK AREAS.

QUESTION: Should these areas be addressed in the Scope of Work?. Or should they be addressed from standpoint of operations or interface?

- o Tactical Medical (Medical Supply Operations)
- o Army Oil Analysis Program
- o Communications linkage
- Financial

A. All of these should be covered under the existing task areas depending upon specific support requirement (e.g. medical supplies operations could be covered under tasks 6, 7 or 10)

117. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW): Para 3.8.

QUESTION: Should this paragraph address updating and maintaining the Configuration Management Database?

A. No, it is envisioned that this task area is to solely provide isolated support requirements.

118. Reference Attachment 2, Labor Rate Tables. Labor categories shown are for info only.

QUESTION: After contract award and actual proposed labor categories are in place, will it be possible to add additional/new labor categories, not listed in the awarded contract, in response to a Task Order?

A. See H-5 in draft solicitation

119. Reference Attachment 3, OCONUS, Para 2(b). Paragraph says that “Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this clause, the Contractor and its subcontractors, if performing or traveling outside the United States under this contract, shall” Observation: This is Para (b).

QUESTION: What is the Para (b) referred to?

A. The correct reference should be c.

120. Reference Attachment 5, Cover Letter. Industry Day Q&A #58 indicated that a new cover letter with new dates would be issued for use. The cover letter, still 28 March, is still the same and the due date, still 25 May, are unchanged.

QUESTION 1: Is the Government going to issue new cover letter with new dates as indicated at Industry Day?

A. The questionnaire is being changed.

QUESTION 2: Will the Government consider making delivery of Past Performance survey forms direct to the SRCC-E the PRIMARY alternative?

A. Proposal submission requirement and cover letter is being revised.

121. RECOMMENDATION. We recommend that the Task Orders be numbered separately or made separate attachments.

A. Each task order will have its unique identifier

122. Reference Para M-3, Evaluation Approach: According to paragraph M-3, Task Area 3 is 100% set-aside for small business (regardless of TO value). However, the Scope of Work in paragraph 3.3 (Logistics Information/Technology Support) says TOs over \$5 million can be competed for in the Unrestricted Suite.

QUESTION: Which is correct — M-3 or SOW 3.3?

A. Task area 3 is included in both suites. M-3 will be revised accordingly

123. QUESTION: What is the NAICS code for these solicitations?

A. 52.219-1 will be added. NAICS is 561210

124. QUESTION: Will there be a 3rd Sample task order for the Unrestricted Suite?

A. Yes

125. REFERENCE: Page 8 of 61, Section G.3 states that payment will be primarily made via Government IMPAC Credit card.

Question: a) Since IMPACT credit cards will be the primary method of payment, what other methods will be used.
b) Will the government consider making payment via Wide Area Workflow (WAWF)?

A. Electronic funds transfer, wide area workflow, check, etc.

126. REFERENCE: Page 14 of 61, Section H.11 states, “The Contractor shall indicate on each invoice and on each monthly cost report the total number of hours provided during the period covered and shall separately identify compensated hours and uncompensated overtime hours by labor category.”

Question: Please confirm that a) the requirement to report Uncompensated Overtime is only applicable to exempt positions and b) the requirement to report Uncompensated Overtime is only applicable to Cost Reimbursement Orders.

A. Correct

127. REFERENCE: Page 11 of 61, Section H.4(c)(i) refers to “contractor acquired services”.

Question: Please define the term “contractor acquired services”.

A. Contract acquired services are specific services required on an intermittent or routine basis for example: the filling of helium tanks, wash-rack cleaning, etc. that are not priced on a per hour basis.

128. REFERENCE: Page 11 of 61, Section H.4(c)(i) requires that all labor (except that which falls under the definition of contractor acquired services), to include consultants, shall be priced under the labor categories set forth in Section J, Attachment 2.

Question: Please confirm that the rates proposed in Attachment 2 should consider the possible use of subcontracted labor, including applicable prime contractor burdens and prime contractor profit applied to the subcontracted labor for any contract type.

A. Correct

129. REFERENCE: Page 23 of 61, Section H.22 (b) requires Offerors to specify percentage reductions from the base year for “repetitive high-dollar value requirements”.

Question: a) Please define what qualifies as “repetitive high-dollar value requirements”. b) Please clarify the type of orders (FFP, T&M, Cost Plus, etc.) this clause would apply to. c) Will the percentage reduction to be applied to each order be negotiated bilaterally?

A. This is a sample Clause that will be tailored and fully explained when used.

130. REFERENCE: Page 55 of 61, Section L.7(d)(ii)(3) requires Offerors to proposed escalation for CAP rates. This appears to be in conflict with the warranty against the inclusion of contingencies in FAR 52.222.43 (b)

Question: Please confirm that the inclusion of escalation in the CAP rates will not preclude a price Adjustment as contemplated by FAR 52.222-43

A. That is correct. Adjustments made pursuant 52.222-43 will take into consideration any prior escalation included in the priced labor rate.

131. REFERENCE: Page 56 of 61, Section L.7(d)(ii)(5) requires Column 5 to be the CAP rate with Overtime compensation applied.

Question: Will the Government revise the pricing matrix to permit an overtime rate for both Onsite and Offsite performance?

A. Price matrix is being revised.

132. Will there be section B, L & M on the Ft. Bragg and Ft. Campbell sample task orders?

A. Yes, each sample task order will include a request for task order response (TOR) similar to a solicitation. The TOR will include the Performance Work Statement, information that is required to be submitted with the response, evaluation criteria and the basis for award.

133. Page 55 of the draft RFP states that Column 1 is for the occupation code that the DOL

assigns to labor categories stated on the Service Contract Act for the areas that are involved. This column is already filled in. Yet there is a column 7 (or 8 contingent on what spreadsheet you are looking at) that has a column that states exempt or non-exempt. Should we use this column?

A. We will either add a column for the occupation code or just add the codes to column 1 following the labor category. Column 7 should be used to indicate whether the category is exempt or non-exempt. The price matrix will be revised.

134. Page 55 of the draft RFP states the floor rates should include on site, off site rates presented in straight time and overtime format. The pricing matrix only has a column for floor loaded rate. Should there be a separate column for on site straight time and overtime and off site straight time and overtime? If not what rates should be shown in that column?

A. The floor rate should represent the lowest price to be paid – period. Price matrix will be revised.

135. Page 55 of the draft RFP states that the CAP rates should include on site, off site rates presented in straight time and overtime format. The matrix has one column for overtime is that for on site or off site?

A. The pricing matrix is being revised to reflect only floor and CAP rates. On-site, off-site and overtime rates should fall within these spectrums.

136. The instructions on the pricing matrices say fully loaded floor rates for 2005 yet page 55 of the RFP states they should be based upon 2006 rates. Was the first a typo that should have said 2006?

A. The floor rates should be based on 2006 in lieu of 2005.

137. War Hazard column is missing from T&M. Is this going to be priced as a T&M?

A. There will only be one price matrix for all task order types. War hazard insurance will be deleted from the price matrix. Price matrix will be revised.

138. Is Labor Category I higher than Labor Category II? E.g. which is the highest skill category: Computer Systems Analyst I, Computer Systems Analyst II or Computer Systems Analyst III?

A. Labor category II is higher than Labor category I and Computer systems analyst III is the highest.

139. Do you have job descriptions (experience and education) for the various Labor Categories?

A. No. Recall that these labor categories are provided for the offeror's consideration. Specific labor categories must be proposed by the offeror and the offeror must provide a description of what the labor

140. The RFP, Section L, paragraph L-7b.1.iv.(1) states to submit a draft Quality Control Plan, or a plan used in the past for similar efforts. Typical Project/Task Order QC Plans are 100 pages, yet the entire Technical Proposal, Volume II, is limited to 150 pages. Is it the intent of the government to have the referenced QC Plan be included in the 150-page limit of Volume II?

A. No, the QC Plan will not be included in the page count limitation

141. The RFP, Section L, paragraph L-7b.1 states that sample task orders (plural) will be provided and the offerors will respond to these sample task orders as part of Volume II, Technical Proposal. The most recent posting of FIRST solicitation documents had three sample task orders for each suite. Assuming that each offeror will be required to respond to all posted scenario task orders for their respective suite, is 150 pages sufficient to address all section L requirements in detail for each scenario? Will the government consider expanding the page limit for Volume II to 250 or 300 pages? This would allow each offeror to fully explain their approach to satisfying the sample task orders.

A. Total page count for the Technical Proposal will remain 150 pages.

142. The SOW, paragraph 5.3 (last bullet) states, "A reporting system that captures the Contractor's technical performance under each Task Order in accordance with the standards set forth in the Performance Requirements Summary of each Task Order." In the sample Task Orders provided none have PRS standards. Will PRS's be provided with the final SOW and/or final sample Task Orders?

A. Yes, PRS will be provided as an attachment. to Sample Task orders if applicable.

143. RFP, Section M, paragraph M.4.1.d references acceptable quality levels (AQLs). The unrestricted suite sample Task Order for Bluegrass/Campbell (Attachment 1, pages 11-13) and the restricted suite sample Task Order for Ft. Jackson (Attachment 1, pages 10-12) have Quality Assurance Surveillance and Evaluation lists. On these lists the far right column is labeled "Acceptable Quality Level." These "AQLs" appear to be subjective. According to the ANSI Standard ANSI/ASCQ Z1.4-1993, an AQL is defined as: "The maximum percent non-conforming (or the maximum number of nonconformities per 100 units) that, for the purposes of sampling inspection, can be considered satisfactory as a process average." The referenced ANSI standard has a chart, Table II-A, that illustrates the AQL and the relationship to sample size and number of failures. Typical AQLs for normal inspections are AQL = 4.0. The intent of AQLs is to provide a measurable and objective level of quality. Will the government be providing these measurable and objective AQLs for the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) items for each sample Task Order?

No answers will be provided to the following questions at this time. The information provided with the release of the draft Sample Task Orders was preliminary information consisting of only the draft PWS. Additional information, to include Request for Task Order Responses (TOR), workload data, attachments, etc will be forthcoming.

144. Will the government provide a sample Task Order government Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) as part of the SOW?

A. Yes, QASP will be provided when applicable.

145. Reference Section I, Contract Clauses – Since a Firm-Fixed-Price contract with Government Furnished Property requirements could be issued under this ID/IQ contract, request the Government to add FAR 52.245-2, Alt 1 (Government Property Fixed-Price Contracts), which reduces the cost exposure to the Government when the risk of loss is reduced for the offeror.

A. FAR Clause 52.245-2 Alt 1 may be incorporated at the task order level.

146. Reference the Representation and Certification requirements – Request the Government to incorporate the On-line Representation and Certification (ORCA) clause in lieu of the current DRFP clauses since most offers are registered in ORCA.

A. Online representation and certification will be added to the DRFP.

147. Per page 47 of the draft Solicitation, Section L-6 b, 3rd to last line says that "Any charts or graphs must be clearly legible regardless of font size." Am I correct that this statement means charts/graphs within the body of the proposal can use a font size other than 12?

A. Yes, as long as they are legible.

148. The government's answer to Question 51 (as posted to the web on 5 May 06), for offerors to place "reps and certs" in Part 2 (Technical Proposal) is obviously incorrect - the RFP instructions state offerors should put reps and certs in Part 1 and later the RFP states to put them in Part 4. So, which is correct: Part 1, Part 4, or both?

A. This information is being revised to the DRFP.

149. Price Matrices provided state that Attach 2b is for FFP, Attach 2c is for CPFF. What is Attach 2 to be used for?

A. Price Matrix will be revised and posted on the webpage.

150. Paragraph H-5 states there may be annual changes to reflect changes in the wage determination (WD) used to establish the floor and CAP rates. Will the government be providing the WDs to use for the pricing matrices or will the contractor have to determine what WD (location) to use for their pricing?

Offerors will determine the Wage determination to be used for their pricing.

151. For the sample tasks, will offerors have to develop sample task rates or will the sample tasks use the pricing matrices rates?

A. The offeror must price the sample task order as required per instructions in Section L-7(d), for the Price Proposal on the DRFP.

152. Section L, RFP states post hardship and danger pay will be negotiated on task order (TO) level. Costs for these allowances should not be included in the CAP OCONUS rate, correct?

A. Danger pay will be negotiated at the task order level and will not be included in the CAP OCONUS rate. Price matrix will be revised.

153. There is no workload data provided with the sample task scenarios. This information will be needed to calculate staffing, material, and repair parts. Will the Government provide this information?

A. Yes, workload data will be provided if applicable as attachment to the Sample Task Orders at issuance of final RFP

154. Are the sample tasks to be priced as cost plus award fee, cost plus fixed fee, or firm fixed price task orders?

A. The task order type will be defined with final RFP.

155. There is no linkage between the Task Areas listed in the Task Order PWS with those in the 24 April '06 FIRST Scope of Work. There needs to be some definitive linkage so that the correct skill can be brought to the effort. We need to know more about exactly what your needs are.

A. Revised Scope of Work will be posted to the webpage.

156. The Task Order is missing the following: Type of and number of equipment to be serviced, organizational structure, work load information, multi-shift requirements and distance to and number of remote Army locations for the OCAT's missing. Contractors can't be expected to propose to unknowns when it comes to equipment.

A. Sample Task Order's missing information will be provided at issuance of RFP.

157. There needs to be more information about approximate number of people involved in each skill set. This information will allow contractors to build a much more accurate team that fully meets the needs of the customer from day one. Without this type of information the government is opening themselves up to a lengthy period of "adjusting the contractor work force" to meet requirements, thus causing unneeded tension, expense and less than optimal performance. We want to be able to have the information to bid intelligently so that we get it right from the start. This is impossible with way these Task Orders are currently written.

A. The Sample task orders are drafts, and the Government is currently gathering the missing information and will provide it to all offerors via the webpage.

158. Inclusion of this information will provide the government a much more accurate and cost effective support team. 1. Reference, Section L, paragraph L-6.a. - The instructions state to use Microsoft Word 2000 and Excel 2000 formats for the CDs that will be submitted. Many businesses are running on Microsoft Office 2003 (Word 2003 and Excel 2003). This version does not allow saving to an older version other than 97-2003 format. Will the Government consider allowing the CD electronic version of the proposal to be in MS Word and Excel 2003?

A. The Government's software is compatible and can use any version up to Microsoft Office 2003 and Excel 2003.

159. Reference, Section L, paragraph L-6.a - uses the words "Parts" and "Part." Do these terms equate to "Volumes" and "Volume"? Or does this refer to hard copy "volumes" and softcopy "parts"? Please clarify.

Yes. Volume and Volumes equate to Part and Parts.

160. Reference, Section L, paragraph L-7.c.ii(2) states, "In the event an Offeror has no relevant past experience, offerors may submit past performance information for the key personnel proposed, major subcontractors included in the proposed team, work performed as part of a team or joint venture, and other reincarnations of its current organization." Can the Government please clarify the term "offeror"? Does it mean the prime contractor or the team? If "offeror" means the prime, then it would seem that subcontractor (teammate) past performance citations cannot be submitted since the prime would have relevant past experience. If the term "offeror" means the team, then it appears that the past performance citations of teammates could then be submitted.

A. Offeror means a person or corporation who respond to a solicitation that if accepted would bind the person or corporation to perform the resultant contract. Offeror may be either the prime or the team, depending upon the structure of the submitter. Sufficient past performance information is requested whether from the prime or the team to demonstrate experience in all task areas of the solicitation.

161. As the FIRST current status notification of today now indicates a delay of the solicitation until mid- to late-June, is it possible to confirm that the scenarios previously posted for the restricted and unrestricted suites will remain the same in the final RFP? This would greatly aid the bidders with the anticipated short turn-around time for the proposal.

A. As of today the draft sample task orders provided on the webpage will remain the same.

162. In the most recent draft of the SOW, paragraph 5.6 Deliverables, page 14-15 – the table indicates that there are 5 reports/plans and it references paragraph numbers. The paragraph number listed in the table references paragraph 5.6.4 for the Contract Admin Plan and paragraph 5.6.5 for the Quarterly Task Summary Report. The text narrative, however, has the Quarterly Task Summary Report under paragraph 5.6.4; while paragraph 5.6.5 does not exist. Please clarify the reports/plans and their respective paragraph reference

A. SOW will be revised to reflect the reports/plans to coincide with the paragraph references.

163. Is there a limit to how many contracts can be cited as past performance per contractor, including the prime and each of its team members (subcontractors)? In the previous draft RFP, the Government limited the number of contracts to no more than five per contractor.

A. No, there is no limit as long as the page count do not surpass 150 pages.

164. Draft RFP Sect. L-7, C.i.(3.) requires that offerors provide "specific details of performance" for past performance contracts. Does the Government want this detailed info for each past performance contract cited by the prime and each of its team members (subcontractors) in the Past Performance section?

A. Yes

165. The transmittal letter in draft RFP Attachment H (PPQ form) allows completed PPQ forms to be forwarded to the Government via the client reference or the offeror. To simplify form processing and submittal, we recommend that the Government require all completed forms to be sent directly from the client reference to the Government with the offeror responsible for ensuring that the form reaches the Government by the deadline. Also, the draft cover letter for the PPQ form now sets the form submittal deadline as May 25, 2006. In the final RFP, please update this deadline to allow enough time to process and submit the forms after the RFP is officially released.

A. The PPQ cover letter is being revised and will be posted to the webpage.

166. We believe that many offerors will submit PPQ forms as a prime and as a subcontractor for restricted/unrestricted proposals. It is likely that the client contract references for the Past Performance section will be the same for each proposal that the offeror supports. Therefore, it is possible that an offeror could require a client reference to fill out the same PPQ form for the same contract many times (corresponding to how many proposals the offeror is supporting). Having multiple copies of the PPQ form for the same cited contract will be an administrative burden to the offerors, client references, and the Government to process the paperwork. We therefore recommend that the Government set procedures to require that one PPQ form per client reference per contract be processed and submitted for Government evaluation.

A. See answer to question 165.

167. Draft RFP Sect. M-4, 1.b defines recent experience "as within the past five calendar years." However, draft Sect. L-7, C.ii (3.) indicates that experience is "dated" if it occurred more than 3 years ago. (Please note that draft RFP Sect. L-7, C.i.(1.) allows offerors to submit past performance info for contracts that are "presently active or completed within the past five years.") We recommend that Sect. L - C.ii(3) be revised to designate contracts as "dated" if they are were active or completed more than 5 years ago.

A. Draft RFP is being revised to indicate five years.

168. Regarding the Ft Jackson Sample Task: Para 4 says facility is contractor furnished and operated, while 2.1, 3.1, and 6.0 all refer to Government provided, contractor operated facilities. Which is correct? No answers will be provided to the following questions at this time. The information provided with the release of the draft Sample Task Orders was preliminary information consisting of only the draft PWS. Additional information, to include Request for Task Order Responses (TOR), workload data, attachments, etc will be forthcoming.

169. We have possible subcontractors who may also wish to prime based on the size requirements and standards. Can the team members reverse sub/prime roles in order to submit for different size categories?

A. Yes

170. If we wish to submit for both 8(a) and small business tasks, would we submit 2 separate proposals or 1 proposal and delineate the 8(a) task responses from the small business responses?

A. Offerors may submit a proposal in either the 100% Small business set-aside solicitation (which includes 8(a) concerns and small businesses) or the full and open competition solicitation.

171. Section H-4, Task Order Pricing, a, Labor – states that labor shall be priced in Accordance with the negotiated fully burdened labor rates set forth in response to Price Matrix. Paragraph (ii) says that the Task Order Contracting Officer may require a “bottoms-up” pricing approach including rationale for the price quoted. These two statements are in conflict with each other. There is no reason to establish a Price Matrix with fully burdened labor rates if the TO Contracting Officer can ignore them. Recommend deletion of paragraph (ii).

A. H-4 will remain as written. The purpose of this statement is to allow the TO Contracting Officer the latitude to ask for additional tasking information regarding the rates proposed. It still remains that any rates proposed, except OCONUS rates, must fall within the CAP rates established in the Pricing Matrix

172. Section H-4, Task Order Pricing, a, Labor – states that labor shall be priced in accordance with the negotiated fully burdened labor rates set forth in response to Price Matrix which includes profit and fee. Is the fee identified here the PMO Fee of the Prime for the master IDIQ contract? This implies that the PMO Fee is not to be quoted separately. Is that assumption correct?

A. Yes, your assumption is correct. All cost associated with labor shall be included in the rates provided in the pricing matrix.

173. Section H-4, Task Order Pricing, b, Travel – travel costs often exceed per diem allowances of the JTR due to unavailability of low cost facilities or the facility's policy of not recognizing contractor personnel as qualified for government rates. Will the Government consider making travel Cost Reimbursable under these circumstances or directing that the TO Contracting Officer issue letters qualifying contractor personnel for government rates?

A. The JTR has provisions for reimbursement of cost over per diem rates.

174. Section I, 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires – for what geographical location do these rates apply or are they universal? How will our labor rates be evaluated against this federal standard since these salaries appear to be higher than the wage determination rates?

A. The FAR Clause 52.222-42 incorporates a labor rate that a Government employee would be paid for similar services. The wage rates cited in this clause were based on Atlanta, GA area.

175. Section L-6, Page 48 of 61, states that "Foldouts are acceptable; however, each 8 ½ x 11 fold will count as a page." Please clarify the acceptable page size for a foldout – 11 x 14 or 11 x 17 – and would they count as 2 pages or 1 page?

A. It will be counted as 2 pages.

176. Section L-7, c, Volume III – Past Performance – does not indicate the minimum number of contracts to be provided per prime and team member. Q&As posted 23 May indicate we may provide as many as we wish as long as the page count is within 150 pages. But is there a minimum number of contracts per team member you wish provided?

A. No. The offeror's past performance information will be evaluated to determine the offeror's depth and breadth and ability to successfully satisfy the requirements of all Task areas covered by the RFP. There are no minimum or maximum number of references required. However, the offeror shall submit sufficient information to demonstrate the depth and breadth to successfully satisfy all task areas.

177. Section L-7, d, Volume IV, Price Proposal, vi, Tab 4 & 5, indicates that pricing for the sample tasks must show a complete build-up of the labor rate from the FLOOR rate in the Price Matrix. Starting from the FLOOR Rate may be difficult if the actual labor rate is between the FLOOR and CAP rates because it is in a different geographical location. Also, why do we need to show the price buildup in the sample tasks if not for the Price Matrix?

A. Government is using the sample task as a means to evaluate both the pricing matrix as well as the proposed price for the sample task. The prices quoted for the sample task must provide a rate buildup from the FLOOR. It is logical to convey the differences in geographical locations as one of the rate buildup elements.

178. For the Unrestricted Suite only 2 sample tasks were provided. When will the 3rd sample task be provided? When will the Government be prepared to address questions relative to the sample tasks?

A. Third sample task will be issued before or with the final RFP. Sample tasks orders on the webpage are drafts, questions relative to the sample task will be addressed as soon as sufficient information is obtained (workload data, task order solicitation information).

179. Government response to questions indicated that the PWS would be tailored for each proposal suite yet the PWS is identical for both Restricted and Unrestricted suites. Will the PWS be tailored?

A. W911SE-06-R-0012 and W911SE-06-R-0013 share the same PWS. The applicable of each task area as to respective suite is clearly defined.

180. Attachment 6, Subcontracting Goals, shows two different sets of goals, one for DOD and one for Army. Which are the goals to be achieved for FIRST?

A. The Government is not stating prescribed goals for FIRST. The information provided (DoD and DA Goals) are provided for information only. The Government will however evaluate the extent to which the offeror identifies and commits to small business subcontracting and the offeror's ability to meet the subcontracting goals established by DoD and DA.

181. What is the true value of the FIRST contract; i.e., is it \$9B or \$36B? (My Note: I have heard both amounts suggested as the total value for this contract. I have tried to figure out how the \$36B number could be derived. I thought it might be the \$9B times four years, but than this does not seem reasonable based on the total contract time limit of 5 years.)

A. The \$36B was \$9B X 4 five-year periods - or \$9B for 1 five-year period.

182. Which organization is providing the funding for FIRST; i.e., is it AMC or IMA or both?

A. Organizations that use FIRST will provide their funding - at this juncture, our core clients are FORSCOM, IMA and USARC. AMC may also soon be a core client.

183. Who will control the workflow to FIRST; i.e., will it be AMC or IMA? (My Note: Will AMC be in control of all workflow through an installation's DOL operations. By this I mean will AMC provide to the garrison commander and the director of the DOL the priority schedule for all work to be performed in their operations that includes not only the RESET, RECAP, and NMP, but also for workflow involving the unit's equipment located on the installation and for any equipment covered by AR 5-9.)

A. It would appear the question fails to recognize that FIRST will be an IDIQ arrangement with requirements awarded on a task order basis. As such, workflow will be internalized in each individual task order.

184. Will AMC involvement in FIRST be limited to just those programs relating to RESET, RECAP, and National Maintenance Program? (My Note: I have read where any personnel strength increases must be approved by AMC. I have reasoned that this relates to any work force employed on an AMC funded projects such as RESET, RECAP, or NMP.) (Your

A. AMC's participation in FIRST has yet to be defined. Perhaps the question is referring to the 23 Feb 06 Sec Army memorandum requiring approval of all civilian and contractor support for services.

185. Will each installation garrison commander control the workflow for its DOL operations excluding that workflow overseen by AMC such as RESET, RECAP, and NMP?

A. See responses above.

186. What is the current status of FIRST; i.e., are proposals against draft task orders schedule to be delivered to the ACA South Region at Fort McPherson, GA? (Your Response: The draft RFP has proposal submission requirements stated .) If yes, when is the due date?

A. To be provided once Acq Strategy has been fully approved.

187. Is the ACA role in FIRST limited to the administration of the contract?

A. The SRCC-E's role is the manager of the IDIQ and negotiation and award of Task Orders where SRCC-E has been designated as element to support the requirement.

188. Will the Government allow the contractor to submit single-sided page printing?

Issue: The DRFP reads "Print both sides of paper head to head". Double-sided printing reduces a proposal's visual clarity and impact. Even the thickest high-quality paper permits printed graphics, photos and text "bleed" or show through one side to the other, constantly distracting the reader's focus

A. See Q&A of 100 of Frequently Asked Questions dated 15 May 2006. While it is the Government's objective to conserve resources, it will not mandate a point that is discretionary to the offeror.

189. Question: Does the Government intend to include the Red River Army Depot Sample Task Order as part of the Final RFP? Or, does the Government intend to issue a different third sample task for the FIRST requirement?

Issue: The Government included this sample task order as part of its 15 March 2006 Industry Day presentation. Discussions indicated that this sample task would be part of the final RFP. Industry would benefit knowing whether to proceed in developing a response to this requirement.

A. Yes, Red River Army Depot will be a Sample Task Order under the unrestricted suite.

190. Question: Will the Government provide temporary AKO accounts to the contractors to conduct research necessary to provide the Government a responsive technical approach to the Sample Task Orders? Will the Government also provide a data and information library in electronic format applicable to the Sample Task Orders before or with the RFP release?

Issue: Bidders need maintenance and product data and information to effectively bid FIRST. This information could be made available in an electronic library via CD or the web, or, through an AKO account. Industry prefers its personnel to legitimately access US Army knowledge bases, and that its authorized users not share AKO accounts with unauthorized users. Contractor individuals cannot legitimately access an AKO account without a US Army sponsor. This should support level the contractor competitive playing field.

A. The Government will not provide temporary AKO accounts. Information regarding historical workload and links to documentation will be provided with the publication of the Sample Task Orders.

191. DISCUSSION: Various portions of section L require the discussion of how the offeror will manage the TOs within the overall contract. Paragraph l-7, b, 1: "It is important to depict how your approach to the Sample Task Orders fits within your overall approach to managing the proposed contract..." The sample task order is the direct object of this sentence; whereas, the overall approach to managing is the indirect object. Since overall managing is only an indirect object, we as readers can not assume that the RFP is providing explicit guidance as to where the issue, of team composition, or overall contract level team management, is to be addressed within the proposal content. Whatever the answer, this over arching issue seems inappropriate within the response to any singular TO, since the corporate level management of the whole contract might vary between different TOs. Further, not all of the unique advantages of a particular offeror's management mechanisms might be revealed to evaluators with the three sample TOs.

QUESTION: Where should we locate within the proposal content, the issues of?

- 1.) Team composition, and
- 2.) Corporate level management and the overall approach to managing the proposed contract.

A. Submit this information in accordance L-7(b)(i)(2) of the solicitation.

192. The government's revised RFP; W911SE-06-R-0012 (23 May 06) L.7.d.1 Volume IV, Price Proposal: i. Tab 1. In this newly revised section of the RFP for Tab 1, the government asks for: "General Information – The offeror shall include the same information as Tabs 4 and 5 of the Technical Proposal." Will the government please clarify this statement since there are no "Tabs 4 and 5" in the Technical Proposal.

A. Information will be revised.

193. Referencing Document "W911SE-06-R-0012_REVISION_1_DTD_23MAY_2006", Section L-7 D., page 56:

We noticed the Price Proposal requirement paragraph stating "The same level of detail required for prime proposals is required of subcontract proposals. The prime contractor shall include evaluations conducted on subcontract proposals relative to all components of the subcontract proposals. Examples of the type of detail required are reasonableness of rates, labor mix, terms and conditions, exceptions or additions, etc. Subcontractor data may be submitted directly to the Government by subcontractors that do not wish to disclose their data to the primes" was added back into this draft version.

We feel that this is an unrealistic requirement and a major undertaking. This contract work is a team effort and this is not the way that a TO is bid. We request that this requirement be re-considered.

A. The poser of the question should keep in mind that the prime contractor is responsible for the proposal submitted. As such, it is incumbent on the prime to "sell" the Government on its offer, to include reasonableness of price (down to the subcontract level), and agreement to exceptions taken to the terms and conditions posed by the Government in the solicitation.

194. Reference RFP Section L-7.b.1.ii.(5) Technical/Management Approach states "resumes are not requested, but may be submitted if the offeror deems this to be the best method of exemplifying the personnel proposed (e.g., key positions)".

Question: Resumes are normally provided as an appendix. Will the Government consider adding resumes to the definition of Appendix items?

A. The Government is truly not interested in receiving volumes of resumes. However, it may be important to an offeror to include resumes in the conveyance of their offer. As such, the Government has elected to permit the submission of resumes as the discretion of the offeror, but to include resumes within the page count of the Technical Proposal.

195. Reference RFP Statement of Work, page 14-15, Deliverables Chart specifies a Contract Admin Plan must be provided within 15 days of contract award and a final plan within 45 days of contract award; however, the reference to SOW paragraph 5.6.4 (Quarterly Task Summary Report) appears not to be valid. We can find nowhere else in the SOW a reference to the Contract Admin Plan.

Question: Where is the Contract Admin Plan discussed in the SOW and what deliverable requirements are applicable?

A. There is no requirement for a Contract Admin Plan in the current Scope of Work.

196. Reference Statement of Work, page 14-15, Deliverables Chart. The Task Order Monthly Report requires "standard distribution".

Question: What is the definition of standard distribution?

A. Government will revise the numbering/format of the Task Order monthly report. Standard distribution is the delivery of a specific document either original or copy format to a group of people, in this case an Integrated Procurement Team (IPT) such as the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO), Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Program Manager

197. Reference Statement of Work, paragraph 5.5, Property Control Plan specifies a Property Control Plan is required within 10 days after Task Order award; however, this is not specified in Section 5.6 as a deliverable. Question: Is a Property Control Plan considered a standard deliverable for each task order?

A. No – the Property Control Plan is to be submitted only when the Government provides property as part of the terms of the Task Order. The deliverable requirement should be stated at the Task Order level.

198. Reference RFP Section H-20, Unique Item Identification and Evaluation states “DFARS 252.211-7003 is included in full text of Section I of the RFP. Information on DoD unique item identification can be found on the DoD website at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/uid>”.

Comment: Section I includes the clause in the list of incorporated clauses, but does not include the full text in Section I. The web site listed has moved to <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/uid/>. Please clarify whether those unique item identification requirements apply only to deliverable products or to government property issued to the contractor in support of FIRST Task Orders.

A. The requirements apply at the Task Order level when GFP is provided as a term of the Task Order.

199. Reference RFP Section L-7.d.vii, Tab 6(2) – Price Matrices stating floor rates should be based on 2006 rates. It is assumed 2006 rates are contract year rates beginning with the date of contract award. Is this a correct assumption?

A. The FIRST contract will not have a “contract year,” but rather a five year ordering period. The rates submitted for the floor should be those rates that would be imposed for task orders awarded during FY 2006.

200. Reference RFP Section L-7.d.vii, Tab 6() – Price Matrices states CAP rates shall include “questions, shift pay differential, and all other consideration that may be required to satisfy requirements hereunder”. Please clarify “questions” in the reference quote.

A. The word “questions” will be changed to read “overtime”

201. Reference RFP Section G.3, Invoices and Payments stating payments at the task order level will be primarily made via Government IMPAC Credit Card. Use of the credit card involves a bank credit card processing fee – it is assumed this fee can be invoiced as an ODC at task order level based on total task order price. Is this a correct assumption?

A. The purpose of disclosing this payment method was to ensure the labor rates proposed by the offeror were developed with all potential costs in mind. When payments are not made via IMPAC, offerors may “discount” the rate accordingly.

202. RFP Section L-6.d.vii.4 states the offeror shall include a description of each labor category proposed, to include minimum qualifications and education requirements. Labor category descriptions for wage determination categories are provided in the U.S. Department of Labor, Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations. These labor category descriptions do not list education requirements. Is it correct to assume the education requirement applies only to exempt (non wage determined) labor categories?

A. No, education requirements shall be provided for all proposed labor categories.

203. Section G2.a.(1) Quarterly Task Summary Reports. To what level of detail does the government intend to collect small business utilization information on a quarterly basis? Contract level? Task order level? Large vs. small only? Or against specific goals in same format as SF 294?

A. Information will be collected at the Program/Contract level. The information submitted in the Quarterly Report will be in addition to reporting requirements imposed by other provisions included (e.g., 52.219-9) in the contract.

204. Section G2.a.(3) Quarterly Task Summary Reports. When a task order spans more than

one task area, is it the government's intention to segregate those task areas in the order and obligate funds for each task area on separate contract line items (CLINS)?

A. It is not anticipated that work will be segregated by task area. However, the establishment of CLIN structure at the Task Order level is at the discretion of the Task Order Contracting Officer. For purposes of the Quarterly Task Summary Reports – the contractor shall report where the preponderance of work is being accomplished (see the Scope of Work section of each Task Order – the Government will designate which Task Area the preponderance of work will fall under).

205. Section H-9. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. This section states, "Office automation equipment to perform routine office tasks is considered contractor supplied." While this is reasonable for work performed at a contractor's facility, is it the Government's intent for this provision to apply to work performed at a Government site as well? Will local DOIMs authorize contractor supplied equipment access to the networks required to accomplish the task?

A. Typically, the Government will provide automation equipment along with other equipment for work in a Government facility.

206. Section H-10. INSURANCE SCHEDULE. In the second major paragraph, line 1 there is a reference to Section H. Should this not be a reference to Section I?

A. This information will be revised.

207. RFP Section L-7b.i.1 requires the offeror to explain how the allocation of work supports...compliance with the Limitations on Subcontracting Clause (FAR 52.219-14). FAR 52.219-14 requires "at least 50% of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern". Question 33, "As awards under the FIRST Restricted Suite will be made to small business primes, will the 51% rule apply for awards under the restricted suite? If so, does it apply to total value of awarded task orders or to total labor dollars?" was answered by the Government, "It would apply to the total value of task orders awarded". The Government response to the question appears to be in conflict with the FAR requirement. Please clarify the application of the 50% calculation for the FIRST contract

A. Although the Government's response to Question 33 was correct, we were remiss in not completing the statement to specifically restate what 52.219-14 indicates - "at least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern."

208. "Reference Section J, Attachment 5, the current questionnaire posted on the FIRST web-site is in PDF format. Is it permissible to convert the file to a Word document so it can be easily filled out by the customer? The Word document would be forwarded to the customer with instructions to complete and return to the Government as per the cover letter instructions.

A. Past Performance Questionnaire will be posted in Word document format.

209. "Reference Paragraph L-6 b. Proposal Submission/Format. It states that information printed on charts and graphs may be smaller than font size (12), information must be legible. Does this also apply to Tables and Spreadsheets?"

A. Correct, as long as the information is legible.

210. "Reference L-6 e. and L-7 c. i (2). Both reference the page limit as 150 for Past Performance and include a statement that the Past Performance Questionnaires/Surveys are not included in the page count. The Cover letter for the Questionnaire provided in Attachment 5 instructs the preparer/customer to return directly to the Government. Can a copy of the completed questionnaire be also included in Volume III, if the customer chooses to provide it to the contractor?

A. Yes.

211. Question/Comment: The requirement to provide a contractor provided facility for the Red River Task Order provides the incumbent contractor with an advantage over potential competitors. The requirements of paragraph 4.6 are quite precise. Is the current COCO facility the only one that meets all of the minimum requirements?

Answer: The RRAD Task Order has been revised to delete specific location and capacity requirements for the contractor facility. However, it is imperative potential offerors appreciate the requirement for daily (or near daily) transport of equipment to and from the Government Depot, and the space required for operations. It will be incumbent on competitors to consider potential and propose an approach that will satisfy the requirements. A Government-provided facility is not possible. The Government has not explored facility options in the area of the Depot, which may include immediate, short-term and/or long-term solutions.

212. Question/Comment: Who owns the COCO facility for Red River and may we have the contact information?

Answer: The facility has been provided by: Red River Re-Development Authority
107 Chapel Lane
New Boston, TX 75570
Telephone number (903) 223-9841

The Government has no details regarding the arrangement RRD has for this facility.

213. Question: PWS paragraph 4.6 – will the temporary duty location referred to here be confined to Texas and Arkansas, or is the are of coverage broader than that?

Answer: Generally the temporary duty location is Texas and Arkansas but the contractor may be sent anywhere for TDY duty as required and approved by the COR.

214. Question: Are the responsibilities of the Task Monitor similar to those of a COR? If not, what is the responsibility of this individual?

Answer: The COR typically is delegated the responsibility for day-to-day surveillance of contractor performance. For larger operations, the COR may in-turn delegate some of these responsibilities to Task Monitors. Specific terms of delegations are disclosed with the Task Order award.

215. Question: PWS paragraph 4.6: This paragraph states “The contractor shall provide labor support at the government provided facilities. This is in conflict with the references to contractor provided facility requirements. Which is correct?

Answer: Paragraph 4.6 will be corrected to read contractor provided facilities.

216. Question: PWS 4.6 The minimum requirements for an adequate facility are quite precise. Is the current COCO facility the only one that meets all the minimum requirements?

Answer: This portion of the PWS is under revision. The contractor will be required to provide a facility sufficient to accommodate the projected workload.

217. Question: Attachment 2, Paragraph 3.b.2. What is the relationship between the Project Officer and the Task Monitor to the COR, COTR, ACO and PCO?

Answer: The Project Officer may be the COR or COTR and are requiring activity personnel. Their duties are delegated under an appointment letter by the ACO/PCO. The ACO and PCO are Contracting Officers who represent the contracting agency.

218. Question: Attachment 2, Paragraph 4.c. states Small Arms Repairers shall have a SECRET

clearance. Workload data provides does not reflect any small arms maintenance work. Will small arms repair be part of the work to be performed? Will the contractor be expected to store small arms on-site? If so, will a JSIDs alarm system be required?

Answer: Work performed is at unit location within the unit arms room, not the FLRC. No JSIDs requirement.

219. Question: Reference Draft RFP, Section L-7, B. Volume II, 1.i.(2) team structure, page 50.

This section directs us to describe how this work allocation complies with 52.219.14 (when applicable).” Does this FAR clause apply to the proposal for the unrestricted suite?

Answer: The prescription for include of this clause is when the requirement is set aside for small business and the requirement is expected to exceed \$100,000. The Unrestricted Suite is NOT set aside for small business.

220. C2 States that “Information contained in the contractor’s proposal regarding teaming arrangement, organization, price/cost structured, or small-business participation are hereby incorporated into the contract.” Would the information contained in the contractor’s proposal that is considered proprietary be subject to FOIA if contained in the contract under this requirement?

Answer: It will be subject to FOIA. Information must be reviewed on a case by case basis in coordination with the Contractor to determine if the information is releasable.

221. Section L-7. Proposal Content – a. Volume 1-RFP Documents. RFP requires that in submitting Volume 1 that each offeror complete (fill-ins and signature of Section A – Standard Form 33, Section H – Uncompensated Overtime Information and Section K – Representations, Certifications, and Other Statement of Offerors. There is no mention of Section I and the fill-ins required therein. Should these also be submitted as part of the offeror’s proposal?

Answer: Fill-ins for Section I clauses for example (FAR Clause 52.232-7) will be completed at the Task Order level.

222. RFP Section C.2. p.3. Section C.2 states: The contractor’s proposal is herewith accepted in its entirety. Information contained in the contractor’s proposal regarding teaming arrangements, organization, price/cost structured, or small business participation are hereby incorporated into the contract. Any changes in these arrangements shall be submitted to the Procuring Contracting Officer in advance for approval. If our proposal gets incorporated into a contract, will there be a chance to redact any data/information that subcontractors view as proprietary so that future FOIA requests do not contain such data? If so,, when would this occur?

Answer: See response to Q&A number 220 above

223. Fort Bragg TO, p. 2. Throughout the Fort Bragg Task order there are references to required plans without a due date. For example, Reserve Component Recall Plan. Please indicate due dates for all required plans in sample task orders.

Answer: Revised Task Order will be posted.

224. Page 21 of 61, section H-19. Will the contractor be required to UID all existing GFP on the program (legacy), or only items procured on contract after award?

UID, or Unique Identification, involves application of special 2D barcodes, assigning a unique number consisting of data elements such as part #, S/N, company ID, etc., and inputting or “registering” the data in a Government data base via the web. Depending on the number of items involved, this could be a significant effort and require significant capital expense (barcode printers, scanners, software, etc.). If we propose MAXIMO, it would have to be configured to be UID compliant, as location, accountability, and disposal information of UID items would also have to be uploaded to the registry.

Answer: Contractor shall assume that he will be required to UID all GFPs.

225. Reference Para 5.4.2.1, which talks about Information Assurance (IA) User Awareness Training and the requirement to receive initial awareness orientation/training and refresher training on an annual basis.

QUESTION A: Will the Government provide this training or must the contractor provide this training?

QUESTION B: Does this apply if work is done at a contractor's site?

QUESTION C: If the contractor must provide this training, is there an approved training packet available for contractor

Answer: Question A – Government will provide training

Question B – Yes

Question C – Government will provide training

226. This question is in regards to the Pricing Volume of the Proposal for the FIRST contract:

We request that the paragraph requiring a subcontractor (team member) provide detail pricing information be considered for removal. This would be a huge undertaking for us especially with the short proposal turnaround.

Answer: In the event that subcontractor rates fall within the prime rates (are equal to or less than the rates proposed by the prime), no additional pricing information is required. For these labor categories/labor rates that are principally comprised of subcontract labor, the prime shall provide subcontract pricing information to the same level/type required of the prime.

227. In regards to the Price Proposal requirement paragraph stating “The same level of detail required for prime proposals are required of subcontract proposals. The prime contractor shall include evaluations conducted on subcontract proposals relative to all components of the subcontract proposals. Examples of the type of detail required are reasonableness of rates, labor mix, terms and conditions, exceptions or additions, etc. Subcontractor data may be submitted directly to the Government by subcontractors that do not wish to disclose their data to the primes” be removed or reconsidered.

Answer: Language of RFP must remain as stated in order for Government to complete the required analysis of Pricing information.

228. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW), PARA 3.1 - Task Area One, 7th bullet – Army Campaign Plan (ACP). Army Campaign Plan deals with force/unit redesign involving modularity (plug & play), stabilization (cohesive, stable units with fewer deployments), and rebalancing (more high-demand MOSs) of the force. Seems clear that ACP in Task 3.5 refers to Army Campaign Plan. Seems less clear in this paragraph.

Question: Is the reference in 3.1, to the Army Capabilities Plan (ACP), a HQDA document reflecting capabilities attainable within the existing programs and budget limitations?

Answer: No, this is a reference to the DA document, the Army Campaign Plan. Yes, it is the intent of HQDA to achieve the capabilities stated in the ACP within current resources.

229. Reference Attachment 1, Scope of Work (SOW): Para 3.6.

Question 1: Should this Para address Life Cycle Management (Acquisition and Disposal/Reutilization)?

Question 2: Should this paragraph address mobilization/demobilization, deployment/redeployment?

Answer: Yes, Life Cycle Management/Acquisition and Disposal/Reutilization and Mobilization/demobilization, deployment/repoyment should be addressed under paragraph 3.6

230. Reference Army Transformation Task Order, Key Assumptions, page 2, 9th bullet, says “The Defense Department will acknowledge the 96/120/5-30 goals as joint requirements.

Question: What does this statement refer to?

Answer: This refers to the deployment timeline objectives for the objective force by 2015 to be able to have on the ground: 1 BCT within 96 hours; a division within 120 hours; and 5 divisions within 30 days.

231. Reference Army Transformation Task Order, Para 3: Question: Where is paragraph 3?

Answer: Paragraph three is there. It simply states which task area of the contract this task order will reflect. That is task area 5 “Logistics Army Transformation Logistics Support”.

232. Reference Army Transformation Task Order, Para 4.1 Logistics Requirements Support:

The contractor shall assist in identifying, documenting, justifying and defending logistics requirements in the performance of the Transformation/AECP logistics strategy.

Question: Is the intent of acronym AECP to differentiate between Army Experimental Campaign Plan and Army Campaign Plan regarding logistics strategy?

Answer: No. This is a typographical error, which should read Transformation/ACP strategy. The letter “E” was inserted in error.

233. Reference Army Transformation Task Order, Para 4.2 Logistics Management Services.

Question: Is it the FORSCOM intent to exclude provision of contractor provided Supply Management?

Answer: This is a typographical error. In paragraph 4.2, both the 1st and 2nd bullets, rather than reading “...transportation, field services, maintenance, medical supply (all classes), and STAMIS...” should read “...transportation, field services, maintenance, medical, supply (all classes), and STAMIS...”. The comma was omitted.

234. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity,

Paragraph 4. Objective and Scope. “The facility must accommodate both wheeled and tracked vehicles”

Question: Is it the Government’s intent to exclude fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, material-handling equipment (MHE), commercial construction equipment (dozers, graders, spreaders, etc) from consideration under this TO?

Answer: Yes, it is the Government’s intent to exclude all those mentioned.

235. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity

Subtask 2.5 – Perform receipt and transfer functions to maintain accountability from arrival until final delivery to the gaining government unit or organization, as directed by the Task Monitor.

Question: Is the contractor using the Army’s Standard Maintenance Work Order Form (DA 2407), which has been used as a legal receipt for transferring responsibility for equipment to the maintenance facility?

Answer: Generally yes, although some customers use SAMS generated 5900-E.

236. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity SUBTASK 3.3 –

Contractor shall utilize the government-provided Wildcat Maintenance Management System (WMMS).

Question: Will the contractor be required to interface with the legacy systems?

Answer: Yes, the contractor will be required to interface with the legacy systems. The government will provide all hardware and software to interface with all legacy STAMIS.

237. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity_Task area 5 – Contract

Field Teams. Question: Should “Contract Field Teams” read “Contact Field Teams”?

Answer: This paragraph has been restructured and now contains the proper FIRST task area.

238. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity ATTACHMENT 2 –

Basic Performance Work Statement (Applies to all activities). SECTION II: Specific Work Requirements (2c4, page 19) – Says that contractor will job order work that is beyond capability and that “This will include most requirements for *painting* “

Question: Does this conflict with guidance contained in SUBTASK 2.1, page 4 which says the contractor shall paint, and SUBTASK 2.6, page 5 which says the contractor shall paint?

Answer: The Fort Jackson PWS Task has been removed.

239. Reference T.O. US Army Forces Command, AC of S, G4 Army Maintenance Activity - ACTIVITY ATTACHMENT 2 – Basic Performance Work Statement (Applies to all activities). SECTION II: Specific Work Requirements (2g1, page 19) – “Any person who imports *foreign generated material* that has not be classified as hazardous waste prior to entry into any of the states where IMA DOLs are operated”

Question: What is the meaning of “foreign generated material”?

Answer: For this PWS, *foreign generated material* is anything brought to the maintenance site for disposal, which was not generated by the site and subsequently is identified as a hazardous material.

240. Reference T.O. Supply Chain and Maintenance Management, Para 4.1 Logistics Program Support, Subtask 2: Para says contractor will provide RESIDENT staff expertise “ The word *resident* is not clear in this context: Resident and working on-site at G4? Resident expertise within the contractor staff, regardless of location, not necessarily co-located with G4?

QUESTION: Will the Government please clarify the meaning of the term resident?

ANSWER: Resident can be deleted. The contractor will be working on- site in the SMS Division, which is already annotated in the PWS.

241. Reference T.O. Supply Chain and Maintenance Management, Para 4.1 Logistics Program Support, Subtask 3: The first sentence refers to and includes aviation maintenance facilities.

Question: Is it the Government intent to include Army Aviation Assets in the Scope of Work?

Answer: No, this paragraph will be corrected

242. Reference T.O. Supply Chain and Maintenance Management, Para 4.3 Logistics Army Transformation Logistics Support, Para 4.3 Subtask 1: The Para says that contractor will perform analyses, identify problems, and develop solutions. The last sentence says “The contractor will implement guidance for FORSCOM units and installations, as necessary, and provide assistance to units and installations during implementation.

Question: Is the contractor to implement guidance or develop it and provide it to units and installations for implementation?

Answer: The contractor will do both. Contractor’s expertise may be used to develop guidance (per FORSCOM’s perspective). Once guidance is developed and approved by FORSCOM, HQDA, etc, the contractor will assist with implementation.

243. REFERENCE : Draft Sample Task – Bluegrass Station Army Maintenance Activity, pg 2, 4. Objective and Scope states “The objective of this Performance Work Statement is to establish and operate a contractor provided and operated, maintenance facility to support FORSCOM readiness requirements” then on page 7, 6. Place of Performance- “Performance will be at government provided facilities located on Bluegrass Station, Lexington, KY and, if required, at designated FORSCOM and/or other Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard maintenance facilities in the continental United States or outside Continental United States”.

Question: These two statements seem to conflict. Is the contractor to provide and operate the facility or will the government provide the facility? Is the contractor to provide all of the equipment required or will the government provide the necessary equipment? Please clarify.

Answer: The paragraphs have been corrected to read government provided and contractor operated facility.